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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated February 28, 2006 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. G. Mersereau".

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final Official Action mailed February 28, 2006, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months. This paper is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of that Action.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered: